

### **REMARKS**

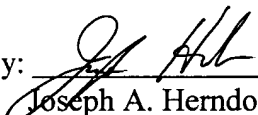
Claims 1-7 are currently pending. In the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e); claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a); claims 1-5 were allowed.

Applicants have cancelled claims 6-7 without prejudice towards further prosecution to place the application in condition for allowance. As such, allowance of claims 1-5 is respectively requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-0001 with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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